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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of October 9 requesting documents and a staff briefing to discuss Committee concerns related to the Baghdad NEC project. We are initiating a search for responsive documents. A response will be forthcoming following internal document search and review procedures which were previously discussed with your staff. While it is unlikely the Department will be able to meet the deadline set by the Committee for all requested documents, we are happy to work with committee staff to identify priority documents.

The Department would be pleased to make Ambassador Kennedy and OBO Director Williams available to brief Committee staff on this issue during the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> after Ambassador Kennedy returns from Iraq next week. Ms. Renee Bemish of my staff will be in contact with your office to schedule a briefing.

In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jeffrey T. Bergner".

Jeffrey T. Bergner  
Assistant Secretary  
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The Honorable

Henry A. Waxman, Chairman,

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,  
House of Representatives.